THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): There is no point of order. You may continue. In fact, he is supporting you.

PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Thank you. It was inaudible. That was the whole trouble. But, Mr. Vice-Chairman, what is there in the press clearly shows it was under no authority of the Security Council. I call it captive Security Council that is its position now. Whatever the US asks is unanimously decided by the Security Council. But even then, the Security Council did not authorise it. My concern is not for North Korea. My concern is if the US considers this policing over the world in this fashion of which one example was received yesterday in the Pentagon document, alleged document, a repetition of the very same thing is here. It is No. 1 in the high seas. On the high seas nobody can interrupt anybody. On the high seas nobody can interrupt anybody. As a student of International Law, with my little knowledge, I know that on the high seas no country, however powerful it may be, is entitled to do this thing even in the name of the UN Security Council. Only in the name of the embargo on Iraq this may be done for Iran. But the US Defence Department spokesman says that if North Korea declares that it is either for Iran or for Syria, for whom there is no embargo, it would be all right. Otherwise, no power, no legal power, is there to take any action against the ship. But it seems that the US does not rely on legal power. Now, the USA's position is "No-holds barred." in respect of ordering anybody anything. This is the position, Sir, now which bodes ill even for our country as we can see from the Pentagon documents which is not the final position and everybody knows that. If that be the approach, taken in consultation with either the President or his senior Advisers or in conjunction with the National Security Council of the USA, we can very well understand the gravity of the situation. We are trying to curry favour with the USA. But let us, at the same time, take note of this attitude on the part of the USA and prepare ourselves accordingly. When the question of economic sovereignty came up, it was quoted against us and it was said that it was without any substance. But in our anxiety to curry favour with the USA, let us not turn a blind eye to this dangerous portent of US imperialism. Thank you, Sir.

Increasing Terrorist activities of the front organization of L.T.T.E in Tamil Nadu

SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, the Tamil Nadu Government is finding it very difficult to maintain law and order. The Centre was requested to make things easier for the State Government to maintain law and order by banning the LTTE immediately. With the financial backing of the LTTE, many front organizations have sprung up in Tamil Nadu. They are involved in seditious and secessionist movements and making inflammatory speeches. They openly glorify Pirabhakaran and even Sivarasan involved in the Padmanabha and Rajiv Gandhi assassination cases. Pirabhakaran has been proclaimed an offender in the Rajiv Gandhi murder case by the SIT. At least, alongwith the proclamation, the Central Government should have banned the LTTE. Despite the repeated requests by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu during the last eight months, the Central Government has not still moved to ban the LTTE.

Sir, under the pretext of promotion of the unity of Tamils, several conferences and meetings are being organized through the political wings of the LTTE in which the very sovereignty and integrity of India are being threatened. The speakers at these meetings openly denounce the Central and the State Governments and glorify Pirabhakaran projecting him as the sole saviour of the Tamils and repeatedly declare that Tamil Nadu should secede from the Indian Union... *(Interruptions)*... and should become an independent country.

When the State Government and the police refuse permission for such meetings, and when they arrest the concerned persons, there is a hue and cry raised by these people and their supporters whose main argument is why it should be considered a crime to support the LTTE when the LTTE has not been banned in India. The speeches made at their meetings also invariably

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justify the assassination of Rajiv Gandhi and hail those as heores who were connected with the assassination.

In conclusion, I wish to state—

(1) that there is a lack of will on the part of the Government of India to ban the LTTE;

(2) further delay should be avoided in banning the LTTE; and

(3) the Central Government should help the State Government in such a matter of vital national interest.

Thank you, Sir.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Sir, I associate myself with the sentiments expressed by the hon. Member, Mr. Swaminathan.

Sir, nowadays in Tamil Nadu and in my State, Pondicherry, some of the political parties have been holding conventions, seminars and public meetings, just to glorify Prabhakaran and Sivarasan. Sir, it is a shame on the part of the people who are coming from that State. The persons who have been involved in the assassination of a great leader, Shri Rajiv Gandhi, have been glorified as big persons in this country. Sir, I am also ashamed to see that some of the political parties in Tamil Nadu are also supporting their cause. Sir, it is pertinent and it is very clear that the persons who have been involved in Shri Rajiv Gandhi's assassination, Prabhakaran and Pottu Amman have been considered as proclaimed offenders and warrants have been issued by the designated court and communications have also been sent by the Indian Government to the Sri Lankan Government for taking appropriate action and the deadline fixed by the Government of India and also the court for them to appear before the court was 29th of February. but still they have not appeared before the designated court. Therefore, they are criminals, but these persons have been glorified. When the Government bans such organisations, and those people are holding public meetings, the Government is being blamed by some political parties in Tamil Nadu. Sir, it is also very clear...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Be brief.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is also very clearly understood that one political party which was in power in the previous regime and whose ex-Minister, Mrs. Subalaxmi Jagdisan...

AN HON. MEMBER: Why do you mention... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am giving... *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Will you listen? *(Interruptions)* Please complete it. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: If they keep quiet, I wil. complete it. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Please resume your seat. *(Interruptions)* Please resume your seat. you know that the hon. Member is associating. *(Interruptions)* Would you resume your seat? Please resume your seat. *(Interruptions)* Please sit down. You know the Rules. you can dissociate by taking the permission of the Chair. *(Interruptions)* you can dissociate. Yes, Mr. Narayanasamy. *(Interruptions)* No, no. I will give you an opportunity. Whatever you want to say... *(Interruptions)* Please sit down. *(Interruptions)* Please take your seat. I can understand your sentiments. Any one of you can.. *(Interruptions)* I will permit. *(Interruptions)* Nothing will go on record now. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Please sit down. Nothing is going on record. I can allow any one of you. If you want to contest the claim of the Member, you can. Now, Mr. Narayanasamy, you finish it.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Is it not a fact.. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR):

Mr. Narayanasamy, address the Chair. You complete it.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Yes, Sir. I am going to complete with one sentence.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): You complete it; you have raised enough storm.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, in the Padmanabha murder case, the accused persons are the LTTE, and the persons who harboured them was the former Minister, Mrs. Subalaxmi Jagdisan and her husband. *(Interruptions)* They were arrested under TADA by the Tamil Nadu Government for harbouring the accused persons in the Padmanabha murder case. Therefore, Sir, Tamil Nadu is becoming a place... *(Interruptions)* LTTE should not be allowed in Tamil Nadu.

(Interruptions)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Please take your seats. He has associated. *(Interruptions)* I will permit one of you. Mr. Maran, you want to say?

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, the hon. Member... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: With one sentence, I conclude, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): That is enough.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I can say with full responsibility that it is only the DMK party which is responsible... *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Nothing will go on record. Please sit down.

SHRI T.R. BALU:*

SHRI M. VINCENT:*

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI:*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Please take your seats. Nothing is going on record. Let us hear Mr. Maran

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Sir, I totally refute... *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Mr. Vincent, you can associate. There is nothing wrong. Let [redacted] hear Mr. Maran.

(Interruptions)

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Sir, I totally refute the statement of the hon. Member linking the DMK or DMK members with any murder. Sir, I totally refute. It is all false and framed up. Even in my speech on the Motion of Thanks on the President's Address, I have referred how the TADA is misused not only in Tamil Nadu, but all over India, in Andhra Pradesh, In Madhya Pradesh also. So, just because somebody has been arrested, somebody has been framed up on false charges, it does not mean they are guilty... *(Interruptions)* This is totally baseless. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Shri Suresh Pachouri. *(Interruptions)* Please take your seats. Nothing is going on record.

SHRI T.R. BALU:*

SHRI M. VINCENT:*

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Nothing is going on record. Please resume your seats. Mr. Vincent, please go to your seat. Nothing is going on record. Now, Shri Suresh Pachouri. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI M. VINCENT (Tamil Nadu): Please allow me for one minute.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): You have been associated. That is all. Please sit down. Nothing is going on record. *(Interruptions)* Please resume your seats. That is enough. Please go to your seat Mr. Vincent. All of you, please resume your seats. Enough of it.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): I do

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not know why other matters are being brought into this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Do you want to add anything?

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: No, I am not adding anything. I am only trying to focus attention to what Mr. Swaminathan's demand was, that having regard to the activities of the LTTE, the LTTE should be banned. Is the DMK objecting to that suggestion? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: You were once the advocate for the LTTE. We are not objecting to that suggestion. But LTTE was your own creation. LTTE is the baby of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: You cannot wipe out the stigma that LTTE killed our leader, Shri Rajiv Gandhi and the DMK Government supported the LTTE.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: It was done during President's regime. You could not protect your own leader.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Whoever committed the heinous crime of assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi has to be condemned. At the same time, Indian army has committed heinous crimes against the Tamils—Killed thousands of Tamils... *(Interruptions)* and raped Tamil women—

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Mr. Jaipal Reddy wants to speak. Let us hear him.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Mr. Chidambaram is not only a member of the Congress Party; he is a member of the Central Cabinet, and he has made a very serious statement. I do not know whether a Minister can make such an allegation on the floor of the House without his Government being able to substantiate it. Second point is, he enquired of Mr. Maran whether Mr. Maran is objecting to the banning of LTTE...

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: It was his suggestion.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Does the view of Mr. Chidambaram represent the view of the Government? Are you really banning the LTTE? Are you banning the LTTE? No. is it the view of the Government? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: The Home Minister will answer. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Mr. Chidambaram's allegation that the DMK supported the LTTE...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): What is your point of order? *(Interruptions)*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is a proven fact. The DMK supported the LTTE. *(Interruptions)* Mr. Karunanidhi supported the LTTE. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (Tamil Nadu): Mr. Narayanasamy, who gave them money? *(Interruptions)* Who gave them arms? Who gave them ammunition? Who gave them surety? *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Mr. Viduthalai Virumbi, please sit down. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: One of the Congress (I) leaders in Tamil Nadu stood surety for the LTTE people. *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Mr. Viduthalai Virumbi, please sit down. *(Interruptions)*

Mr. Viduthalai Virumbi, Mr. Venkatraman, Mr. Ganesan, all of you please sit down. I am on my legs. *(Interruptions)* All of you please resume your seats. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN (Tamil Nadu): One of the Tamil Nadu Congress (I) Secretaries stood as surety for the LTTE *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): I hope you all understand... *(Interruptions)* Mr. Maran, you have to tell your Members. I hope you all understand that when I am on my legs, you should resume your seats. I know the sentiments and the emotions with which you are talking. But I was listening to the point of order raised by the Leader of the

Opposition. Let us listen to him, what he has got to say.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Once again?

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, I was on a point of order. I have great respect and affection for Mr. Chidambaram, as a friend. He is a member of the Central Cabinet. He has levelled a serious allegation against the DMK. Unless his Government is able to substantiate it, he cannot be allowed to get away with the allegation, on the floor of the House, on record. This is one thing. Secondly, he enquired of Mr. Maran...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I am on a point of order.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Mr. Narayanasamy, will you please sit down? This is not the way. Let him complete.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, there cannot be any point of order during Special Mentions.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Mr. Narayanasamy, Mr. Jaipal Reddy is still on his legs.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Sir, let me complete. The hon. Minister enquired of Mr. Maran whether the DMK had any objection to the banning of the LTTE. He should also, in the mean-time, clarify to the House whether the Government, of which he is a Minister, is prepared to act on the suggestion of banning the LTTE.

SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM: Home Minister responded in the morning. You were not here.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): I do not think there can be any point of order in this.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, this is very serious statement. The hon. Minister had made a very serious allegation.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR) What statements are being made against each other here? These are all serious statements. No point of order arises out of this.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Sir, I want to say that the DMK did not give any arms. The DMK did not give any money. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The DMK is involved. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: Sir, I am not happy over these allegations and counter-allegations. That is why, we have been insisting on a Commission of Inquiry to go into this matter, starting from 1983, about the LTTE, so that we know who helped them, who created the LTTE. Why is the Government shying away from it? *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR No more points of order now. Mr. Viduthalai Virumbi, please sit down. This subject is over. Shri Suresh Pachouri.

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: The hon. Minister should answer this.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): I go to the next Special Mention. Shri Suresh Pachouri.

4.00 p.m.

Reported Starvation Deaths in the Tribal District of Sarguja in Madhya Pradesh

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश): माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, कभी-कभी ऐसी हृदय विदारक घटनाएं घट जाती हैं जिनकी भर्त्सना राजनैतिक पार्टी से परे रह कर प्रायः सभी लोग करते हैं। कुछ ऐसी ही घटनाएं पिछले दिनों मध्य प्रदेश के आदिवासी बाहुल्य जिले सरगुजा में घट रही हैं जिनकी वजह से भयावह स्थिति का निर्माण हो गया है। वहां भूख से लोगों की मौतें हुई हैं। मजदूरों को हफ्तों मजदूरी पूरी नहीं मिल पाई है। पीने के पानी के अभाव की वजह से लोगों को गंदे नाले में जमा पानी पीकर अपनी प्यास बुझाना पड़ रहा है। राहत कार्य पर्याप्त नहीं खोले गए हैं और जहां राहत कार्य चल रहे हैं वहां मजदूरों को पूरी मजदूरी नहीं मिल पा रही है। मेरे पास उस क्षेत्र के लोगों की चिट्ठियां है। ....**(व्यवधान)**

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI BHASKAR ANNAJI MASODKAR): Please do not get disturbed now. You go on.

श्री राघवजी (मध्य प्रदेश): इस मामले में खंडन हो चुका है।....**(व्यवधान)**

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री भास्कर अन्नाजी मासोदकर): पचौरी जी, चलिए।....**(व्यवधान)**

श्री राघवजी : यह असत्य है....**(व्यवधान)**